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Hon. L. E. Houston, of Monroe county, is mentioned for U. S. Senate.

Congress is again discussing the "Indian troubles. The Utes "must go."

Jackson is building a new opera house. It is to seat 900 people.

The A. & M. College will not be opened for the reception of pupils until September next.

The Presbyterian church at Aberdeen has a $1,400 organ. The congregation paid $1,100 of the amount down.

Last Sunday night the Methodist church at Boonville came very near being consumed by fire, caused by the explosion of a kerosine lamp.

Ben Butler will shortly sail for China in his yacht America. Spoon-bill cats will doubtless be greatly alarmed when Ben sets sail.

A Prussian government commission has decided that the old term of ink, made from gall nuts and a salt of iron, is the best for official purposes. Aniline inks are especially undesirable from the ease with which they may be washed away.

The stern-wheel iron steamer Charles P. Choteau recently landed at New Orleans the largest cargo of cotton ever carried by one vessel on the Mississippi, and probably in the world. It consisted of 8,041 bales, the huge mass, piled tier above tier, almost hiding the steamer from view.

The Parisians are a novel people. The latest and most extravagant novelty yet introduced by them is the bracelet clapier. The shoe is cut very low in front, high up on the instep. It is fastened with a finely chiselled real gold bracelet instead of the usual strap.

According to Commander Cameron, of the British navy, a system of telegraphy by sound has long been in use in Africa. He has found tribes that by sustaining drums rest at intervals, carry intelligence for miles with great rapidity, the beats of the drum being made in accordance with prearranged signals.

It used to be said that white men could never take the place of the blacks in our Southern cotton fields. Experience has shown the assertion to have no foundation in fact. Inquiries made during the past season by several Southern members of Congress develop the fact that a large portion of the last crop was raised by their own labor. Mr. Manning, says that the facts he has collected justify the opinion that three-fifths of the crop of 1879 was [illegible] by free white labor.

Records exist of the great approach to the earth of several comets, but the last distances of only two have been determined with any degree of accuracy. On July 1, 1770, a comet was within 1,300,000 miles of the earth—the closest approach of any of those bodies of which astronomers have any certain knowledge. Its apparent diameter was two and one-half degrees, or nearly five times the width of the moon's disc. It is not surprising that the apparition of such a monster should cause a panic of terror among unenlightened and superstitious inhabitants of the earth.

From a study of the action of tea, Mr. W. J. Morton has arrived at these conclusions: As with any other drug, there is a proper and an improper use of it. In moderation it is a mild and pleasant stimulant, followed by no harmful reaction. Its continued and immoderate use leads to a very serious group of symptoms, such as headache, vertigo, ringing in the ears, tremulousness, nervousness, exhaustion of mind and body, with diminution of mental and physical exertion, increased and irregular action of the heart, and dyspepsia. Many of the symptoms of immoderate tea-drinking are such as may occur without a suspicion of the real cause.

Wade Hampton has consented to deliver an address before the Society of the Grand Army of the Republic at Pittsburg, at his convenience. The Society does itself credit in extending the invitation, and the distinguished Confederate soldier equally honors himself in accepting it. There were good men, and brave, patriotic and true, on both sides in that war, and those who were soldiers who fought the battles can meet together and recount the noble deeds of either side, magnanimously remembering only the virtuous and worthy deeds done in honorable war, those who wore the blue and those who wore the grey, they do themselves honor and give help to the cause of peace and good will among fellow countrymen.

AN OLD RAILROADER.

Lately, we had a letter from an old friend, who is, also, an old railroad man—Major L. J. Fleming. In a few brief sentences, what a mighty train of interesting thought he awakens!

"This day forty three years ago, I started to railroading," and the years and the return of its anniversary brings with it recollections that it has been the greatest pleasure of a man's entire life-time. There is but one person living of that first party that left Norfolk, April 20, 1836—Dr. John H. Rutherfoord, a physician in Richmond, who was Assistant-Surgeon-General of the Confederate States Army. There was not more than a thousand miles of strap iron railroad at the time I commenced. What vast and varied improvements since! in the mechanical arts and manufactures! the daguerreotype, photograph, telegraph, and other wonders! The scientific discoveries then in the earth and the heavens one can never be so appreciated by those hereafter born."

Truly, we have lived in a wonderful age—those of us who were living to see the "stars fall"—and we should appreciate our glorious privilege.

Hon. A. M. Lay, member of Congress from Mississippi, died at Washington last Monday. He was a consistent and [illegible] makes parties in the House merry every evening [illegible] the [illegible] solid.

Written for the Mercury.]

WHAT A CONTRAST!

Enrror Meacury:—Eighteen years ago the writer of this sketch, [illegible] D. Belt of your city, were among the [illegible] of others, private citizens of Jackson, Hinds county, Illinois.

When I got [illegible] father I wanted [illegible] to go and see [illegible] company, I was [illegible] contracting the bill of fare [illegible] at Rock Island. At that [illegible] often when [illegible] diminutive [illegible] the [illegible] with all she [illegible] dition to [illegible] issued daily, we got a [illegible] every [illegible] and [illegible] compared the [illegible] up its ration business so far as the U. S. Government was concerned. Until [illegible] as the vinegar was found [illegible] made a full stop.

The truth is's, whole days [illegible] only made one small meal, [illegible] it all of one ounce, others, by strict self-denial, made two or three [illegible] but the fact is, we often pieced-out the meager allowance by [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] other, [illegible] into the hold-fast to the [illegible] and [illegible] by [illegible] and [illegible] rats (big rusty fellows as they [illegible] from their holes) and [illegible] and [illegible]. Others added to their rations by [illegible] bites of [illegible] purchased [illegible] loaves of bread and other contraband articles of provision which were surreptitiously smuggled [illegible] the writer fortunately had a little money, and was not compelled to resort to [illegible] dogs and rats, but as good men as ever [illegible] were compelled to resort to [illegible] longing to good fare—well educated gentlemen who would [illegible] to-day [illegible] Mayor Barry and irrepressible [illegible] greedily devoured baked dogs and fried rats at Rock Island [illegible].

Many Rock Island prisoners will see this. Between us [illegible] was a common prison life opposite. At Belt's you will find comfortable rooms and no rats in the middle to knock you down (as at Rock Island) if you get close to the fire. You will find tables in place of [illegible] in lieu of plank or chunk of stone—coal. You will find good, comfortable chairs instead of having to stand up, or sit down on your haunches [illegible] fashion. You will find plates, knives and forks, cups and saucers, &c., of excellent quality, instead of [illegible] of irregular size with pewter [illegible] spoon, fingers, rusty tin cups etc. In place of [illegible] dried beans, fore-quarter, fine cut vinegar, (Belt, tell me at once, time why they gave us so much vinegar,) at Belt's restaurant you will find loaf bread, biscuits &c., as light and as white as the driven snow, superb beef-steak (hind-quarter), ham and eggs, game, fish, oysters &c., served in order and in fact in a manner so else that grows on hand, that lives in the air and that is caught in the water that is the most cultivated and fastidious palate could desire to be found at Belt's—and it is prepared with skill that consciousness from all parts of the United States proclaims unparalleled—the plat olive—but go and judge for yourselves.

—ad.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 9th, 1879.

Washington is feeling the effects of the exodus of negroes from the South. Those from North Carolina pass through this city. They are without money or other resources.

There are about one hundred of them here now living upon charity and waiting until they shall be furnished with transportation to Indiana. One cannot help wondering at their undertaking such a journey at this season. Indeed the movement is doubtless a political one, managed in the supposed interest of the general party in Indiana. If in effect there is not exactly contrary to what its promoters anticipate I am much mistaken.

The holiday adjournment will probably be made as early as Sunday the 15th, which will give the members a chance to meet General Grant at Philadelphia on the 16th. This is the wish of Senator Cameron, and his winning ways have often secured an adjournment, whether the question of adjournment was before the House or for the benefit of a horse race. This time, however, no serious damage will be done, for, despite reports to the contrary, the Committee on Appropriations of the House will continue its labors prepared before the holiday recess. It was believed in the Star of last evening that the Pension and one other appropriation bill would be ready this week, but the report of the Committee on Pensions is still in the hands of the printer.

The annual proposal to reduce government expenses seems to be more earnestly discussed than usual among members, and the delay in reporting the bills is the result of that fact. It is still doubtful if a majority of members of either House can be held together in an effort not to serve from twenty to forty millions during the next fiscal year. But the attempt will be made.

Yesterday the Senate Judiciary Committee reported unanimously in favor of confirming the nomination of Secretary McCrary as Judge of a U. S. Court. It is a gratifying fact that noisy opposition to Mr. McCrary did not cause Democrat Senators to take a partisan view of the situation. They voted as one would have voted had there been a Thurman, Bayard, McDonald, Garland, ted Lamar to vote, with regard only to the personal and professional fitness of the nominee. In saying this I do not lose sight of the fact any more than the Senators lose sight that the political course of Secretary McCrary has been such as all patriotic men hope will be felt hereafter to have been unobjectionable. His confirmation by the Senate is certain.

Yesterday the New York Tribune gave up two columns or so to a discussion of Hon. Alexander H. Stephens, in words as "fraud," "theft," &c., were sprinkled through the article liberally. The Star of last evening had one more than a thousand miles of strap iron railroad at the time I commenced. What vast and varied improvements since! in the mechanical arts and manufactures! the daguerreotype, photograph, telegraph, and other wonders! The scientific discoveries then in the earth and the heavens one can never be so appreciated by those hereafter born."

HILTON.

Although shoes are advancing very rapidly, Messrs. Marks & Lichtenstein still are selling at the old prices. They have bought an unusually large stock of boots and shoes before the rise of the times, and will give their customers the benefit of it. They have a large stock of the celebrated Balter shoe in every style, for ladies, gents and children. We can recommend this make of shoe to our friends, as we know them to be the best shoe made. Every pair of them are guaranteed, and if they do not prove satisfactory, Messrs. Marks & Lichtenstein will either refund you your money or give you another pair. Try them.

We take the following account of the marriage of Mr. E. H. Dial, of this city, to Miss Annie Thompson, of Oxford, in Memphis, recently, from the Memphis Appeal:

DIAL—THOMPSON—In Memphis, Tenn., Tuesday evening, December 9, 1879, at the residence of the bride's uncle, Hon. Jacob Thompson, by the Rev. Dr. Quarles White, rector of Calvary church, Memphis, Mr. Edward H. Dial, of Meridian, Mississippi, and Miss Annie Thompson, of Oxford, Miss.

Men are to come to magnify, cherish, and dwell upon the sorrows of life, while its joys arouse comparatively little attention. Let it be also true that the overflowing happiness of the heart often finds vent in tears, and that the scenes which it will ever retain, and it is both to give some expression to such feelings as were manifested at the bridal reception of Mr. Dial and accompanied the departure, that this article is written. On Tuesday night last the well-lighted and hospitable home of Hon. Jacob Thompson was beautifully decorated with nature's choicest flowers and evergreens. Among other decorations, a large wreath woven into the shape of a horse shoe, was suspended from the ceiling by satin ribbons, and on the centre-table a floral collection in form [illegible] and a bridal veil basket of flowers presented to the bride by Mrs. Fiasco, and bearing the monogram "F. C.," attracted the especial admiration and elicited the admiration of all the guests. Among the bridal presents were a handsome cashmere shawl from the groom, and a valuable set of silver spoons from the brides maids. Rev. Dr. Quarles performed the elegant parlor and specious halls were crowded with the beautiful and the talented of Memphis; and the long expected joy of the bride and groom, and the happiness which seemed to be before them, rapidly spread to the heart and face of every guest, while delight was heard in every tone and language of the occasion. The scene became deeply interesting when the bride and groom, surrounded by the bridal party and accomplished Miss Lulie Crawford, and Mr. S. A. Witherspoon, with members of the family, entered the dining room. The venerable Dr. White began to make the indissoluble knot, and, every person present seemed sober with the thought that a solemn act was about to be performed. The last amen was over and the happy hearty congratulations were ended, the happy party was conducted to the [illegible] tables. Mrs. Thompson—who must have bestowed long and special attention upon the delightful preparing good things to eat—had selected all that can delight the eye and tempt the appetite in the way of a table, and the lively popping of the champaign bottles blended well with the merry laugh and earnest conversation of the guests. It is useless to say that art had left nothing undone to enhance the natural beauty of the bride. She was dressed in all the elegance and taste of the most cultured aristocracy; and to those who know her well her appearance was a fit emblem of those graces and traits which adorn the home of her girlhood in Oxford, Mississippi, where for many years she was the reigning belle. She graduated at the State University and the young gentlemen of the town; and there is no small number of them who, unless their opinions have chaged, will say that Mr. Dial has won the prize of cards. Mr. Dial is of Meridian, Mississippi, and is one of the most promising young lawyers of that thriving city and of Mississippi. He was educated at the State University, where he first met the bride, and during the same year of the Centennial class; and as a writer and orator he was the peer of any, while his talent as a poet gave him a high degree of distinction. But a warm and loving heart is the best characteristic of Mr. Dial. His manners are of too transient generally, while the intellect is all the same; and when we see the noble and purest passions of the heart as unchangeable as the reason we behold the surest sign of a strong and beautiful character. Since 1875, when he was Freshman, Mr. Dial has knelt with unceasing devotion before the throne of grace, won, and the highest compliment that can be paid him is to say that he well deserves her.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 12 1879.

An increase of several millions in the annual Pension bill is accounted for by the fact that many pensioners failed carry with them payment back to the time of the soldiers discharge from service. In previous years payment commenced with the granting of pensions, whereas the average "back payment" to pensioners is about $600.

It is probable that the Northern Pacific Railroad Company will not ask many more favors of Congress. Its land grant is considered of such value that the public aid is not required. The real cause of this change in policy is the richness of the country developed as the road proceeds. The extensive coal deposits on the Continental Divide selected, through which a railroad could be run overland, that is so unfortunately good as that on the line of the Northern Pacific. This fact and the other, that the Company has adopted the policy of selling their lands at a low average rate for cash, and of making several terms for other buyers, causes a rush of emigrants to that region. It is expected that the same rapid settlement on the Utah line will end, where they are likewise rapidly constructing their line eastward to meet the approaching section which invite a large emigration there. Many who have been over the belt of country indicated say that it is the richest land in the world, and that the amount now under cultivation is but a very small part is sufficient to found an Empire.

The proposition to open negotiations for the removal of the Ute from Colorado promises to open up before it finally goes through Congress, the whole subject of our Indian affairs. The opposition to sending these savages to the Indian Territory seems to have appeared on its face. Before long the project for opening that Territory to general settlement, and the driving of land to Indians in severalty will be discussed. In fact, the mention of an Indian in House or Senate provokes more interest than a bill to "domesticalize" the greenbacks. Much of the session will be consumed in discussion of this subject.

The Senate Finance Committee is today holding its first meeting since the session. An influential member of the Committee said last night he believed no financial legislation of importance was possible this session.

Ex-Governor Bullock is the now prominent candidate for the English mission.

Washington people think another form of government—that is, some of them do. Argument they live under a sort of Russian despotism, not tempered, however, as that is by "assassination." In fact they have no rights which any one is bound to respect. The demand is now for an elective government.

KNOX.

ONLY A LITTLE GIRL.

"Did she leave any children?"
"Yes, this bit of a child."
"And who will take her?"
"I don't know."

We are all very poor around here, sir, but we must find her a place somewhere. God help the little girl, for she's all alone now."

The scanty but called at an old tenement-house on Lafayette street to take a body to a pauper's field—the body of one whose life had been worn out in the treadmill of hunger and despair. Nothing knew but that the mother was dead—hardly suspected that she was living until one morning this child appeared at a neighbor's door and asked for bread.

"Would you be afraid to come over to my house, for you is dead and I'm lonesome here

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MERIDIAN. - MISSISSIPPI

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 20, 1879.

The Religious Herald, a Baptist paper in Richmond, Va., is decided in its condemnation of raffles for church purposes. That is the right doctrine.

The matrimonial fever is raging furiously in various sections of the country, especially, over about Eutaw. It is likely Callahan of the Mirror will soon be stricken down with this matrimonial fever.

Congress is stupid and stagnant, but pretty soon it will warm up to its work and set the country on fire. Let us have a business session and no speechifying foolery. The Democracy cannot now afford to make mistakes.

The Irish are again agitating and clamoring for "home rule." The Irish need more industry and economy—more manual labor and less talk. The Scotch are more prosperous simply because they are more industrious and frugal; for, Ireland is far more fertile in soil and genial in climate than Scotland. "Home Rule" in Ireland means confusion worse confounded.

A question was asked: Why is a United States bondholder like an Indian in the Constitution? He mused awhile and said [illegible] give me a hard one.

After some 18,000 examinations, Dr. Jeffries affirms that about one male in twenty-five is color-blind to a greater or less degree. He finds the defect to be largely hereditary, although sometimes caused by disease or injury. In the former case it is incurable, but in the latter it may be only a temporary difficulty.

Recent comparative measurements of the crania of eminent men and of criminals show that, while a capacious intellect requires a large skull, a large cranium is not always attended by a high order of intelligence. The crania of a considerable number of criminals were found to have a capacity much above the average.

A general law, applicable to every railroad in the United States, is what is needed, and this law should define the duties and responsibilities of conductors, baggage masters, and station agents, and provide some punishment for breaches of these duties. As it is now, the railroad officials may be as rude as they please to travelers, so long as their employers support them. Let us have a general law on this subject.

A recently discovered fossil animal, *Amphicaelias fragillissimus*, is described as a monster considerably more than one hundred feet in length, with spinal vertebrae six feet across, hind legs forty feet long, and a large and powerful tail. Imagine the monster standing on its hind legs in the water and catching its prey with its fore paws, and a picture is presented from the ages long agone.

The legislature of each State in the Union should memoralize Congress to pass a general law regulating railroad charges on through and way freight, and establishing a just rate of fare per mile, with a rebate where a road fails to make connection. Three cents per mile would be ample fare. Let Congress go to work and protect the people against railroad monopolies and oppressions. It behooves the press to speak out manfully on this momentous subject and thus give the needful backbone to the politicians.

The landed estate of the late John W. Gulley, one of the victims of the Kemper Tragedy, that has so exercised the country, is advertised to be sold at Administratix, sale on the 20th inst. It comprises a large landed estate, and we hope it may sell for enough to make comfortable provision for the widow and orphan children. If they have ever had a political taking-off in Kemper, his assassination was the political one—or had more of the political element in it than any.

Major J. W. Powell, who has given much attention to Indian mythologies, finds the philosophy of rain and snow entertained among certain tribes a peculiar one. According to the Shoshones, the firmament is made of ice, and when a monster serpent-god coils his back against the ice flakes are rubbed off, which fall as snow in winter and melt to form rain in summer. The Oraibi believes that an upper god makes rain by dipping feathers in the lakes of the sky and sprinkling the earth; but in winter the god crushes the ice of the sky-lakes and flings down snow.

The Clement attachment to the cotton gin is the very best weapon the South can use against rampant Radicalism. Commercial independence is precisely what the South needs. Let each neighborhood club its money and start a cotton gin with the Clement attachment, and Radicalism will pretty soon give up the ghost. Let us convert the cotton into thread at the gin and save all the expenses of packing and compressing. We must sell the cotton at our doors, and not ship it off to be manipulated by factors in the old fashioned way. Cotton that is shipped to Mobile is sure to fall off in weight and so damage the farmer.

Pick, the celebrated Berlin detective, who performed wondrous feats in the way of ferreting out ingenious criminals has just died. He commenced his public career as Burgomaster of Feddichow, a small town on the Order, which office he exchanged for Commissary of Criminal Police, some six and twenty years ago. It was he who broke up the band of malefactors who were the terror of Pomerania in 1850. He joined the band himself, aided them in committing several overt acts of treason, and enabled himself to identify them when they were netted by a force of gendarmerie.

Lottery prizes are like gun powder [illegible] hell—extremely [illegible] This [illegible] —[N. O. Times.

The newspaper has become an important factor in the education of the people—in the diffusion of information on all subjects and in the support of morality, while, in politics, the newspaper performs the principal part of the work. No one likes to be without a newspaper; even Skinflint, who is too much of a miser to dine heartily at his own table, borrows a newspaper every day and diligently peruses every line in it. The newspaper really keeps a man abreast with the march of the world, since it is an epitome of the current news of the world. We do not allude to the telegraphic news, which is often composed of the merest trifles and stupidities, spun out to an insufferable length. To the man who lives in the country, a newspaper is invaluable. It is both an instructor and a companion to him, dearly prized on drizzling, rainy days. Indeed, no family ought to be without its newspaper, and never would be, if the head of the family had a fair conception of its immense power as an instructor. A single number of a newspaper contains enough information and amusement to pay for the price of subscription. But to the business man, the newspaper is the connecting link between the public and himself and the means by which he brings his business before the public. To see this, just let a merchant advertise that he sells cheap goods, and see what crowds flock to the [illegible] was brought there. It is an anomaly then for a business man, who desires public patronage, not to advertise. People expect him to advertise.

Meridian is not at all famous as an advertising city, and to this, is mainly to be attributed its want of business growth and development. People abroad ascribe this failure to advertise to a business dry rot. There is hardly a country town that does not make a better show in the matter of advertisements than Meridian.

We are trying to build up a daily paper in Meridian, and we feel our business men should manfully help us in carrying out this enterprise. They have a direct interest in this matter. How? Because people abroad very naturally conclude, that a city that cannot support a daily paper, is an indifferent business point and is going down hill. The Mercury should therefore, receive the support of every live business man in Meridian. Give us that, and the daily Mercury flourish.

A recent estimate of the date of the neolithic period by Mr. Sidney B. J. Skertchly, an eminent English scientist, well illustrates the processes by which the ages of the different epochs in the existence of mankind are hypothetically determined. It is known that during a long period prior to historic times the implements of the human race were made entirely of stone. These relics, with the bones of prehistoric man and contemporary animals, are now found covered by the earthly deposits of ages. The earlier forms of stone implements were very roughly fashioned, while at a much later date they were well formed and polished. From these facts the stone age isconf[illegible] periods—the paleolithic (old stone) and neolithic (new stone). The latter period, although of much shorter duration than the former, is regarded with greater interest on account of its nearer approach to historic times. It is the probable date of this period which Mr. Skertchly discusses. The European district of the Fenland occupies an area of thirteen hundred square miles bordering the great bay of the Wash. The inland portion consists of peat, buried in which are found neolithic implements. Between the peat and the sea a wide stretch of silt land has been gradually deposited by the waves. As this land has been built up, from the time of the Roman occupation at least, banks have been erected to reclaim the newly-formed ground. The dates of these banks are known, and thus very accurate estimates can be made of the rate at which the deposition is going on in different parts of the maximum rate is fifty-nine feet per annum. The geological evidence shows that as the silting went on and the area became converted into land, peat grew and gradually spread over the surface. In the course of time, however, the climate became unfitted for the growth of peat, which ceased to form. Hence a wide stretch of silt land borders the Wash on which no peat ever existed. From the Roman banks to the sea is a distance of four miles, for the accumulation of which seventeen hundred years have been required. Between these banks and the peat is a stretch of twelve miles of silt land, which at the same rate of formation would be accumulated in five thousand one hundred years. Adding these numbers together gives six thousand eight hundred years as the least possible age of the newer peat, by which the neolithic implements are covered. Two Swiss estimates have been made from different data, each confirming this result. Further evidence leads Mr. Skertchly to conclude that the commencement of the neolithic age in England must date back ten thousand years, and perhaps twenty thousand.

THE NEW WAR SECRETARY.

Aberdeen Examiner.]

The new Secretary of War, ex-Senator Ramsey, of Minnesota, is no stranger to our readers. They remember him as one of the heroes of the Reconstruction Acts, and of that inimical Senate that for years plotted the humiliation and degradation of the South. A few years of private life have improved him, it is said, wonderfully, and he has gotten to be much more conservative than he was when Ben Wade, Morton, Chandler, Boutwell, and other men of that ilk ran the Senate—at all events he is a better man by far than the one who warms the seat he occupied from 1863 to 1875, S. J. McMillan.

He has been an office holder, it is said, ever since his thirteenth year, when he was appointed to a petty Clerkship. He was born in Harrisburg, Pa., in 1815, was in Congress from 1843 to 1846, was appointed Territorial Governor of Minnesota by President Tyler in 1849, and elected Governor of that State in 1858.

He was confirmed by the Senate with [illegible] Committee, which is a very unusual proceeding.

TELEGRAPHIC.

Newark, Dec. 15.

In the forest between Newark and Irvington, Officers Chas. Gloria and Frank J Curier arrested Sam Harrison, a burly negro, at eight o'clock this morning. He was charged with having perpetrated a gross outrage on the daughter of Josephine Polle, a poor German woman residing in that vicinity. The victim, who is only ten years of age was playing in the upper room of a tenement house, with Bertha and Mamie Van Flue aged sixteen and nine respectfully, when Harrison locked the door gagged the little girl, and left her in a most shocking condition. When the attack was first made she shouted "mother" but soon her cries were stifled. Officer Glora, on discovering the ruffian, seized him by the coat and said: "Come with me Sam." The negro made a move as if to draw a razor, but before he succeeded a muzzle of a revoler against his head brought him to his senses. Judge Record committed him to await the action of the grand jury, in default of two thousand dollars. What adds to the misery of the case is that Mrs. Polle is too poor to secure medical treatment for her daughter. The police surgeon, it is said, simply made a diagnosis, and reported the result. He was not obliged to prescribe for the little sufferer, she not being a prisoner.

Washington, Dec. 16.

An informal meeting of the members of the National Republican Committee was held here this evening to discuss the selection of a chairman in place of the late Senator Chandler, and to compare views as to the time and place for holding the next national election. It seems to be virtually settled that Came[illegible] the convention will be held in Chicago some time during the last of May or the first of June.

Washington, Dec. 16.

The bill introduced in the Senate today by Bruce, appropriating the interest on $510,000 unclaimed pay and bounty of colored soldiers, to aid in the education of the colored people, is similar to the bill introduced in the Senate by Mr. Bailey a few days ago, except that Bruce's bill extends the proposed benefits to 22 colored normal schools and universities, located in fifteen different States, while the benefits of Baily's bill are conferred upon only five universities and normal schools.

Washington, Dec. 16.

Secretary Schurz received to-day a telegram from Gen. Adams, stating that Ouray had left for the camp of the White River Utes to hurry up their movements, and was sending in the Indians designated by the Commission. He says he regards their surrender as an accomplished fact, although Gen. Hatch may be delayed in bringing them out on account of the unprecedented snow and scarcity of transportation.

Washington, Dec. 16.

The Public Lands Senate Committee to-day took favorable action upon the bill introduced by Mr. Paddock at the extra session of Congress, providing for the payment of what is known as the five per cent. claims of various States, including Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida, whose enabling acts of admission into the Union, contained a stipulation for the payment to them of five per cent. per annum on all sales by the U. S. of public land within their boundries. The Executive Departments of the Government have held that this stipulation was intended to apply only to cash sales. The States contend that it is equally applicable to land located under the various classes of military scrip and land warrants issued by the United States from time to time. The bill which was to day agreed to by the Committee and subsequently reported to the Senate, adopts the latter view of the question and directs the Secretary of the Treasury to pay the claims.

Little Rock, Dec. 17.

Chancellor Carroll of the Pulaski chancery court, to-day decided the case of the State vs. Memphis, and Little Rock railroad company et. al. The suit was for foreclosure of mortgage to secure loan of one hundred thousand dollars made in 1861. Decree is for the State and orders the sale of the road, rolling stock, etc., unless the debt and interest, amounting to over two hundred and two thousand dollars, is paid by a day named. The case will probably be appealed.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 17.

The Altoona City brewery burned this morning. Loss, forty thousand dollars. Insurance, sixteen thousand dollars. Several men sleeping in the building escaped by jumping from windows.

Augusta, Me., Dec. 16.

Another petition, asking for investigation of charges that election returns have been tampered with, was sent from Portland yesterday to the governor and council. The list of names embraces many of the most prominent and distinguished citizens of Portland, including Lot M. Morrill, Sidney Perham and Israel Washburn.

Augusta, Me., Dec. 17.

The council were engaged to-night in issuing remaining certificates which had not been sent out up to this time—midnight. The members of the council say the official list will not be given to the public till to-morrow. They say the house will stand, sixty-one Republicans and seventy-eight fusionists, and twelve vacancies. Senate, twenty Fusion and eleven Republicans.

LATER.—The council have completed their official report. It confirms the figures in a previous dispatch. No decision has yet been reached upon county affairs.

Atlanta, Dec. 16.

A Catholic priest named Doyle and a young man named Monaghan were drowned near Athens last night. A negro boy was drowned by falling into a pit in a brickyard near by.

Washington, Dec. 17

The Republican National Committee at its meeting to-day elected Senator Cameron permanent chairman, and decided that the next National Republican Convention should be held at Chicago, June 3, 1880.

Washington, Dec. 17.

Mr. Eaton introduced a bill in the Senate for the appointment of a Commission to consist of nine members from civil life, who shall be empowered to visit different sections of the country and make thorough investigations of the tariff question with a view to revision of the present tariff laws.

Ogden, Utah, Dec. 17.

Josephine Taylor, aged 22, daughter of the President of the Mormon Church, attempted to escape from Utah and her father's harem yesterday. She got on a Union Pacific train, but having no ticket or money, was put off at the first station east. She endeavored to get the agent at Uintah to secrete her, but he refused, and her father's friends being notified, she was taken back to Salt Lake to-day.

Washington, Dec. 18.

SENATE.—Vice President Wheeler laid before the senate a communication from the secretary of the treasury transmitting, in compliance with the senate resolutions calling therefor, information concerning the effect upon revenues and upon consumers, of the repeal of the duty on tea and coffee in 1872, which was referred to the committee on finance.

Hoar presented a petition signed by Robt. C. Winthrop, Charles Francis Adams and other distinguish citizens of the Massachusetts historical society praying a suitable appropriation for the erection of a monument to commemorate the victory of Yorktown; referred to the committee on library.

HOUSE.—On motion of Gibson, of Louisiana [illegible]

is, a resolution was adopted authorizing the committee on Mississippi levees to proceed over the Mississippi river to its mouth at such times as the committee may select for the purpose of acquiring a knowledge of its present condition and wants and gathering information relative to the best method for its improvement, with power to take testimony.

London, Dec. 18.

The details of the last Chilian victory state that the allied force of Peruvians and Bolivians, eleven thousand strong, marching northward from Novia to effect a junction with reinforcements of five thousand men under command of the President of Bolivia, attacked on the twenty-first of November the Chilian advanced corps of six thousand men, who occupied an advanced position at Doloes, near Agua Santa.

In the evening the rear of the Chilian force came up and carried the day. The allied forces were driven back and their camp taken, in which thirteen cannon were found. Many wounded officers, including the Bolivian general, Villagas, were taken prisoners and another of the allied generals killed. The losses of the Chilian forces are heavy.

The Chilians's heavy cannon committed great ravages among the ranks of the enemy whose calvary charged three times upon guns and attempted to carry them, but their efforts on each occasion were unsuccessful.

Augusta, Dec. 18.

Full details of the count made by the governor and council show the following result:

In the senate the Fusionists have twenty members and the Republicans eleven. In the house the Fusionists have seventy-eight and the Republicans sixty-one, and five cities with twelve Republican representatives. Portland, Bath, Rewiston, Rockland and Saco, are disfranchised. The house will thus be twelve members short at the organization.

Cincinnati, Dec. 17.

A Nicholasville, Ky., dispatch states that last Friday five United States marshals made a raid on Col. Cook, the notorious counterfeiter, captured his tools and drove him from his place.

This morning a deputy United States marshal, with a posse, went to arrest Cook. He made preparations to defend himself, and, on the posse approaching, fired on them. The fire was immediately returned, and Cook fell dead, shot through the heart.

Cook was a colonel in a Kentucky regiment in the Union army during the war.

Washington, Dec. 18.

At a meeting of the National Republican Executive committee, yesterday, Col Thos. B. Keogh, of North Carolina, was elected secretary, to succeed Ex-Gov. McCormick.

Indianapolis, Dec. 18.

Samuel B. Perkins, chief justice of the supreme court of Indiana, died at midnight.

BROKEN HEARTED HORSES.

Noticing an old Jehu critically examining one of the lead horses in the Pioche stage last evening, the reporter slided up along side in time to hear him remark:

"There's Dick going to the devil just like all the rest, and he hasn't been on the road six months." An inquiry as to the cause of Dick's evil destination led to the discovery of some facts in regard to stage stock that may be interesting: "You see that bay leader," said he, "that animal was put on the road six months ago, and he was a good one, full of life and ambition, and when he first went into harness it took two good men to hold him down before the start and a smart driver to hold him afterward. Now he is as boggy as a dray horse, and has not got spirit enough to hold his head up. They most all go that way. Horses are curious beasts. You can drive 'em twenty miles a day on all sorts of roads and they will keep fat and die of old age; but put 'em on a fifteen mile run, where they've got to travel the same route every day, and they will break their hearts and die in less than two years. It works like a treadmill on a man. They ca'nt stand the monotony."—[Eureka (Nev.) Leader.

The amiable and sporting Empress of Austria does not visit Ireland for the hunting season this year. She is at present staying at her Hungarian cottage of Godollo, where her chief occupation is her riding school and her horses. The riding school is of vast extent and splendidly fitted up, ornamented with looking glasses, and accomodated with comfortable galleries for the spectators. A riding master from Renz's circus is engaged, and when the Empress is not taking riding exercise herself, nothing amuses her more than to see novices taking their first lessons.

A bill is to be introduced into the Mississippi legislature this winter which provides for a pension of $8 a month to the wounded confederate soldiers of that State. It would be a just and humane enactment. The cause should be forgotten in its consequences. An equally generous policy in congress would have reconstructed the country ten years ago.—St. Louis Republican.

Several of our citizens held an informal meeting, Tuesday, relative to a contemplated introduction of the Clement Attachment for spinning cotton from the seed. A committee was appointed to collect information and report to a meeting to be held in this place on the 13th of January next. In the meantime the committee will probably visit some point where the Attachment is in operation, for the purpose of making personal observations.—[Livingston Journal.

Court adjourned last Saturday—the juries having been discharged the evening before. Adam Alston, whose trial for the murder of Pierce we referred to last week, was found guilty of murder in the first degree, and the Jury consigned him to imprisonment in the penitentiary for life.—[Livingston Journal.

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A stout backbone is as essential to physical health as to political consistency. For weakness of the back and disorders of the liver and kidneys, the tonic and moderate diuretic action of the Bitters is the one thing needful. Remember that the stomach is the mainstay of every other organ, and that by invigorating the digestion with this preparation, the spinal column and all its dependencies are strengthened.

For Hostetter's ALMANAC for 1880 apply to Druggists and dealers generally.

Residence for Sale.

I offer my homestead at Meridian for sale, for cash. Will be there the ensuing week. The place is valuable and I will sell at a bargain as I must have money to build a homestead here. J. L. MORRIS, Waynesboro, Miss.

Dec. 13, 1879.

NOTICE.

I hereby notify the public that I have this day bought out G. H. Lesser's entire stock of shoes, boots, hats, &c. I have also bought and had legally transferred to me his books, accounts and papers, and all who are in debt to him will come forward at once and settle. I beg to say to the public that I shall carry on the business at his old stand on Front street, and shall keep a good line of goods.

M. WINNER.

Dec. 5, 1879—[illegible]

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Having received our Stock of **Fall and Winter Goods**, we are now offering to the Public,

The Largest, Most Complete and Best Assorted Stock of Goods,

That has ever yet been brought here, and at the VERY LOWEST PRICES.

Having bought our entire stock before the advance, direct from first hands, we can safely say that we can this season, sell goods at such prices that there are NONE that can compete with us. We have the largest stock of goods that has ever been brought, not only here but in the State. Having bought everything in the package at ROCK BOTTOM PRICES, we can and will sell at what smaller dealers have to pay. All of our different departments are complete and filled to overflowing. Our

Dry Goods Department

Contains everything belonging to this branch of business. We have and can give the biggest inducements in Prints, Bleached and Brown Domestics, 10¼ Sheeting and Pillowcovering, Jeans and Cassimers, Flannels in all colors, "plain, checked and striped" Stripes, Plaids, Lindseys, Tickings, Blankets, Coverlids, Quilts, Table Linen, Napkins and Waterproofs. In

DRESS GOODS

We can suit any and every one, as we have them in all qualities and in every color imaginable, from the commonest to the finest, and have Trimmings to suit every piece of Dress Goods that we have in the house, or that you can find elsewhere. We have a full line of

SILKS AND SATINS

In all colors, Velvets, and a large stock of Black and Colored Alpacas and Cashmeres. We have Fringes in different styles, and Buttons in endless variety, a large stock of Cloaks for Ladies and Misses, a large assortment of Zephyr made garments for children and misses, also Ladie's ready made Woolen Underwear, which we can sell much cheaper than they can be made up. We have all the latest novelties of the season in

Tucking, Combs, Ornaments, Silk Handkerchiefs, Ladies Ties, Corsets, Ladies, Misses and Children's Hose,

Which we can say without fear of contradiction, that a better assortment can not be found in the largest cities. We have a large stock of

Carpets, Matting, Rugs and Doormats,

Which we offer at a special low price. Zephyr in all colors and in all shades.

Shoes! Shoes!!

To this department, we have paid particular attention and have bought only such goods that we know will give universal satisfaction. We do not keep trash. We are still sole Agents for the famous

SALLER SHOE,

Which we have in all styles, for Ladies, Gents, Misses, Boys, and Children. Remember when you buy a pair of Saller Shoes from us and they are not as we represent them to be, we either refund you your money or give you another pair. You run no risk in buying them. We also keep a large assortment of Pegged Boots and Shoes in all styles and all sizes, which we will sell lower than they now can be replaced for. We can fit any one.

Clothing & Gents Furnishing Goods!

We make a special note of our large stock of Custom Made Clothing, which has been made up under the supervision of one of our firm while East. For Style Fit and Durability they can not be surpassed. We have a large variety of Gents, Boys, and Youths' Clothing, in Suits, Coats, Pants and Vests, and large stock of Over Coats for Children, Youth's and Adults. We have all sizes and can fit everyone. You are sure to be suited here if you want Clothing or Gents Furnishing Goods. Of the latter, we keep a full supply of Gents Custom Made Shirts and Drawers, Undershirts, ½ Hose, Ties, Scarfs, &c., &c. We also have a large assortment of Hats and Caps for men, boys and children, in all Styles and Qualities, and a Full Stock of

Groceries & Plantation Supplies.

Merchants will do well to examine our

Wholesale Department,

Which is well stocked; containing a full line of Staple and Fancy Goods, which we can offer on as good terms as can be had in any other Southern city.

In conclusion we will add, that an inspection of our Stock and Prices will at once convince you that both time and money can be saved by purchasing your Goods from us.

Respectfully,

Marks & Lichtenstein.

Nov. 26-3m

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Nos. 7, 8 & 9. Front Street

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Have on hand and are receiving daily from the Eastern Cities, a new and attractive Stock of

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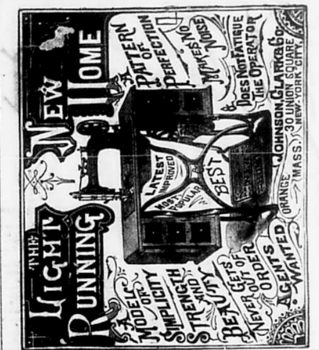
Their styles of Fancy Goods, Clothing and Dress Goods are the very LATEST, the GOODS are the best, the FIGURES are the lowest, that have ever been offered in this market.

The public, together with their old friends and customers, are invited to come and see for themselves, and they can easily be convinced that at no other place can they get so much for their money.

Agents for Dupont's Gun Powder.

Nov 9-d3m.



TRUSTEE'S SALE.

IN accordance with the provisions of a certain Trust Deed made by D. S. WELSH to Mrs. FANNY W. GARNER, to secure certain indebtedness therein described, the same being duly recorded in deed book 3, pages 295, 296-297, in the Clerk's office of Newton county, Miss., I will, sell on Monday, the 22d day of December, 1879, at the residence, on the premises hereinafter described, all the following described lands, to pay and satisfy such indebtedness, to wit: All of section 4, township 5, range 13 east, which lies south and east of Pattachitto creek, containing 597 acres; the sw ¼ of the nw ¼ of section 3, township 5, range 13 east, containing 40 acres; the se ¼ and the n ½ of the sw ¼ of section 6, township 5, range 13, east, containing 240 acres; entire section, 8, township 5, range 13, east, (except the se ¼ of the se ¼, and the s ½ of the sw ¼ of said section,) containing 520 acres, and the s ½ of the sw ¼ of section 34, township 6, range 13, east, containing 80 acres; the nw ¼ of the nw ¼, the se ¼ of the nw ¼, and the w ½ of the sw ¼ of section 3, township 5, range 13 east, containing 160 acres; the se ¼ of the ne ¼, and the se ¼ of section 5, township 5, range 13, containing 200 acres; the w ½ of the nw ¼, the se ¼ of the nw ¼, and the nw ¼ of the sw ¼ of section 9, township 5, range 13 east, containing 160 acres, together with all and singular the appurtenances and improvements thereunto belonging.

The conditions of such sale are as follows: That the said D. S. Welsh being indebted to the said Mrs. Fanny W. Garner in the sum of seven thousand and five hundred dollars, to be paid in annual instalments, and the said trust deed providing that in the event of the non-payment of any two of said notes in succession when the same shall become due, then the said sale shall be made; and the said Welsh having failed to pay the two first notes, now due, or any part of the same, therefore, in accordance with said provisions the said sale will be made as aforesaid to the highest bidder for one half cash and the balance to be paid in one and two years from the date of sale.

FANNY W. GARNER.

Nov. 15, 1879.—w4w

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15th

Popular Monthly Drawing of the Commonwealth Distribution Co.

At Macauley's Theatre,

IN THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, ON

DECEMBER 31, 1879.

These Drawings, authorized by act of the Legislature of 1869, and sustained by all the courts of Kentucky (all fraudulent advertisements of other lottery companies who claim the sole ownership of "all the [illegible] withstanding"), occur regularly on the last day of every month (Sundays excepted) and are supervised by prominent citizens of the State

Every ticket-holder can be his own supervisor.

Call out his number and see it placed in the wheel.

The Management call attention to the grand opportunity presented of obtaining for only $2, any of

THE FOLLOWING PRIZES.

1 Prize	$30,000
1 Prize	10,000
1 Prize	5,000
10 Prizes, $1,000 each	10,000
20 Prizes, 500 each	10,000
100 Prizes, $100 each	10,000
200 Prizes, 50 each	10,000
600 Prizes, 20 each	12,000
1000 Prizes, $10 each	10,000
9 Prizes, $300 each, Aprox. Prizes	$2,700
9 Prizes, 200 each, " "	1,800
9 Prizes, 100 each, " "	900
1,960 Prizes,	$112,400

Whole Tickets $2. Half Tickets $1

27 Tickets, $50. 55 Tickets, $100.

All applications for club rates should be made to the home office.

Remit by bank draft or express. Orders of $5 and upward, by express, can be sent at our expense.

Full list of drawing published in Louisville Courier-Journal and New York Herald and mailed to all ticket-holders. For tickets and information address T. J. COMMERFORD, Courier-Journal Building, Louisville, Ky.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

By virtue of a decree of the Chancery Court of Lauderdale county, Mississippi, rendered at the November Term, 1879, thereof, in the cause of C. D. Walker and Chas. Cooke vs. J. C. Graham et al, the undersigned, Commissioner, will sell, for cash, at the court-house door of said county, on Tuesday the 30th day of December, 1879, the following described lands, located in said county of Lauderdale and State of Mississippi, to-wit: The north half of north-east quarter, section 11, and all the land south of the Marion and Livingston road in the north-east quarter and south-east quarter of section 2, all in township 7, range 18 east, containing two hundred and eighty acres, more or less, to satisfy said decree and costs.

McRAE MOSBY, Commissioner.

Nov. 29, 1879—13s.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,

WAYNE COUNTY.

Chancery Court, before the Clerk at Rules the 2nd Monday of Nov. 1879.

On filing the petition of J. R. S. Pitts, Administrator of the estate of Mary Martin, deceased, for the sale of land to pay debts, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Clerk, from affidavit on file, that Richard J. Martin and Frank H. Martin, heirs and distributees of said estate, are non-residents of the State of Mississippi; that Richard J. Martin resides in Monroe county, Alabama, his post-office is Pardueshill in said county; that F. H. Martin resides in the town of Whistler, Mobile county, Alabama, and his post-office is Whistler, Alabama. It is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Meridian Mercury, a public newspaper printed and published in the city of Meridian, Lauderdale county, Mississippi, notifying the said R. J. Martin and Frank H. Martin to be and appear before the Chancery Court of said county at a Rule term to be held by the clerk at his office, in the town of Waynesboro, on the 2d Monday of January, 1880, to show cause why said petition should not be granted; and that citation issue to resident heirs; and that a copy of this notice be mailed to the above named non-residents, postage paid.

Ordered Nov. 10th, 1879.

W. S. DAVIS,

Chancery Clerk Wayne Co. Miss.

Dec. 5, 1879-4t.

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BILLIARD HALL,

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Oysters on the Half Shell.

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Sep. 3—3m.

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OFFICE AT PEOPLES BANK,

Meridian, - - Miss.

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$72 A WEEK. [illegible]

The Weekly Mercury.

A. G. HORN & SONS.
Editors and Proprietors
MERIDIAN, - - MISSISSIPPI.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 20, 1879.

From Friday's paper.]

Concert to-night.

Yesterday was a big cotton day.

The Christmas trade is coming.

The Italian musicians are in town.

Our streets need to be lighted with gas.

The price of cotton advanced a few points yesterday.

About now Meridian is the driest and busyest town in the State.

Go to the concert, at the Opera House to-night.

Don't fail to attend the Grand Concert to-night. Only fifty cents.

We don't hear of any christmas tree at this place Christmas.

Remember the Catholic ladies' "Supper at Sheehans' Hall, on Monday and Tuesday nights.

Remember that Fanny Wallack's Burlesque Pinafore company will occupy the Opera House for three nights next week.

It is hoped we will have pretty weather one time during christmas week.

We are pleased to know that it is the intention of our city marshal to do all in his power to suppress drunkenness and keep the city orderly during the holidays.

We were gratified to learn last evening, that Mr. Hines was improving. He is not yet, however, able to be removed to his home in this city.

Remember the Grand Concert, comes off to-night. This concert is under the direction of Mine. Richard, and promises to be a splendid entertainment.

Wouldn't it be best, for those who are out of coal, to lay in a supply while the weather is fair. 40 or 50 cts. a load per man, thinks so, as it is difficult to fill orders promptly during bad weather. Get your supplies of coal now.

The negro Jeff Eaken, who was shot near Kewanee, by Nathan Golly alias Nathan Smith, the other day, died of his wounds on Wednesday. Golly, who surrendered himself to sheriff Henderson at the time, has been returned to Toumsuba, where he is to have a preliminary trial.

The young men of this city will probably give a ball on the night of December 31st. Provided, however, that the young ladies fail in the leap year dance, which they all favor, but are too timorous to take the initiatory steps. So there is no doubt that those who desire, can dance out the old year and dance in the new.

Mr. Moser, a young artist from Atlanta, was in the city yesterday, making some sketches for illustrations in Harpers Weekly. Front Street, the subject of his sketch, looked its busiest, and, together with the immense stacks of cotton, all along the railroad front furnished a splendid view. It will prove to the outside world that ours is a city of no small business pretensions. Mr. Moser had his large pad, and made his sketch from the roof of the Ragsdale House.

Our old friend, Chancellor Wood, called at our sanctum yesterday. He will leave in attendance on the Conference as a lay delegate from a sea shore church. His church is located at Moss Point, and he reports a good church there, and Sunday Sehool doing well, the health of the town, and healthy condition and prospering.

As Christmas is near at hand, we take occasion to express the hope, that it will not be made the season for drunkenness and rowdyism, as has too frequently been the case. Our municipal authorities should be active and diligent in repressing and punishing drunkenness and rowdyism in the streets and hotels. Matters must be different thing from drunkenness, noise, and rowdyism, and we do not have a word to say against innocent enjoyment and decent hilarity. It is a season upon the Christian religion for a professedly Christian people to get drunk during Christmas.

The boom in cotton has made things quite lively and put an end to the long faces that farmers used to wear, and it rejoices in this improvement in price and in trade. But we cannot tell what caused this boom in cotton, nor predict its duration. Is it genuine, or fictitious is the question. Not a few incline to think it is the result of a huge speculation, and predict a ruinous collapse in prices some bright morning, and perhaps before this. Others insist that cotton will work up slowly to 15 cents and stay there. The price is now remunerating, and, farmers who own but a few bales, should dispose of them as they cannot be profited much by a rise of three cents per pound on half a dozen bales, they should run no risks of a tumble before they sell. Every one who owns or will hold half a dozen bales of cotton when he can sell it at present figures. The risk of a rise is too great, the risk of a fall is more so very considerable. Farmers must not calculate on a rise—headed—and go crazy about cotton, but must keep cool and plant abundance of corn in 1880. Let us have no speculative farming in 1880 because the price of cotton has jumped up most unaccountably.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

RAGSDALE HOUSE—R S Alexander, Atlanta, Ga; R M Hogle, Louisville; M S Latimer, Winston Miss; A Cawson, Arkansas; A M Brown, F A Brown, J E Brown, Hale Co, Ala; J M Gaines, Covington, Tex; A Riley, Enfala, Ala; L L Rice, W J Warrington, Selma Ala; W E Maddaus, Lawrenceburg; H T Harris, Chattanooga, Tenn; Warren Hoskins, Lake Miss; J E Littlepage, Tuskumbalia Ala; W A Leary, New Orleans; J W Jones, Moscow Miss; M A Logan, Hickory, Miss; N Putman, Mobile Ala; Thos L Rish, Cheshuna, Ohio; S M Spencer, Eutaw Ala; L S Jones, Spring Hill Miss; C A Day, Spring Hill Miss; W J Golly, Winston Co., Miss; G W Barnes, Rankings Store Miss; J B Moore Moore's Mill Miss

CONFERENCE.

Meridian, Dec. 19, 1879.

The sixty-six session of The Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was called to order by Bishop Kavanaugh, who conducted the religious services by reading a part of Acts, chapter 19, ending with 22nd verse, and Rev. J. G. Jones, led in prayer.

John A. H. Jones, Assistant Secretary called the roll, and the following members answered to their names:

CLERICAL.

John G Jones, Wm H Watkins, Ernestus B Strickland, Wm Spillman, Joseph Chambers, Jas L Forsyth, John A Shiles, Jas A Godfrey, A B Nicholson, John A D Jones, Jas H Shelton, Wm B Hines, Geo P Thompson, Richard Abby, Harvey Copeland, John A Vance, Wm B Lewis, Newton B Young, Louis Kendall, Harvey P Johnson, Edward H Mounger, C W Campbell, Ira B Robertson, Walter H Hurst, Wm L G Hammond, Jno D Hays, Wm E Ballard, Robt B Downer, F M Featherston, Jno A Jones, W E M Liddell, Andrew B Stewart, Francis M Williams, Thomas Stamps, W D Dominick, D Francis Jones, Benton S Bayuse, J Perry Drake H C Andrews, Geo W Gilmore, Thos W Brown, Lyman Carley, Green W Brown.

LAY MEMBERS.

W L Nugent, Henry C Newsom, W M Thornton, C R Lowther, T P Bell, Robt Dalaughton, L P Brown,

D F Ashford, Wm Bell, Irvin Miller, Geo Wood,

Rev. C. G. Anderson D. D., was elected Secretary, and Rev. A. H. Jones, President of Port Gibson Collegiate Academy, Assistant Secretary, and W. C. Black, Statistical Secretary.

On motion of W. H. Watkins the Presiding Elders were permitted to retire, in part and report nominations for standing Committees.

The hours of 9 a. m. and 1 p. m. were fixed for meeting and adjournment. The Bar of Conference was determined and all of its members were called within.

The Secretary read a notice from Bishop Keener conferring Rev. John T. Graham, in Deacon's orders from the Louisiana to the Mississippi Conference. On motion of W. H. Watkins, Rev. J. P. Harris was added to fill the place of Treasury of the Yazoo Missionary Board in the place of Rev. H. Montgomery deceased. The Presiding Elders made a report, and on motion the following standing committees were appointed:

ON PUBLIC WORSHIP—H J Jones, E H Mounger, J W Adkinson.

ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH—J L Forsyth, F M Williams, D M Bard, P A Johnson, C W Calhoun, E B Chaffin, J M Weems.

PURCHASING INTEREST—W H Watkins, B S Woodward, T B Holloman, H P Johnson, B Carradine, J H Ginn, B Haynor, D F Ashford, H C Dawson, J H Thompson, W H Thornton, C R Benchor, Geo Wood, A M Hicks.

BIBLE CAUSE—J F Heard, D F Bradford, D C Deal, J F Hester, A B Nicholson, W E Gillespie, W E Ballard.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—G D Galloway, J P Drake, H R Caldwell, L P Brown, J W Cooper, J W Ellison, B Bradley.

EDUCATION—W L Nugent, R H Singleton, J J Smylie, J S Parker, T S West, W B Hines, B Bailington.

ON MEMOIRS.—For W H Montgomery, W L G Hammond, A G G Andrews. For Wm Finn, T F Brown, A J P Drake For P H Nayler, C McDonald, A T J Wood. For F B Higginbothom, J G Jones and J B Robertson. For H Copeland, H Abbey and B D Young.

Communications were read from the Secretary of the Chickasaw Academy, Pontotoc, Sunday School Editor, and from West Texas Conference and referred to proper committees.

Question 20, called—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration. A number of cases were called one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Pending this question for the day, adjourned.

SECOND DAY, Meridian, Dec. 18th, 1879.

Conference met at usual hour, Bishop Kavanaugh in the chair. Religious services conducted by Rev. J. Nicholson, Dr. Andrews read report of the Trustees of Centenary College, which was referred to Committee on Education. Similar communications were received from Whitworth Female College and East Mississippi Female College, which were likewise referred to Committee on Education. It was decided that Rev. H. P. Bowen who attended Conference was transferred to West Texas Conference, and afterwards reinstalled in the Mississippi College, was at the time of his death a member of the Mississippi Conference and therefore his widow and children were claimants upon the Conference Fund. Rev. A. J. Ivey, agent of South Western Publishing Society and Rev. J. L. Cooper, member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, were introduced. Also Mr. Lathrop publisher of the New Orleans Christian Advocate. The characters of a number of the members of the Conference were passed.

Dr. Bardwell presented for the use of Bishop a gavel made from the wood from a china tree, planted at old Goshen, Ga., by the missionaries to the Choctaw Indians more than half a century ago. At 10 o'clock to-morrow was made the order of the day for the purpose of hearing the petition of the Alumni Association of Whitworth Female College. They propose that the Conference transfer to them all of its claims on Whitworth College, and that it be made a State Normal school.

THIRD DAY.

Meridian, Dec. 19th, 1879.

In the Conference session to-day the most important items of business were the following: A resolution offered by Col. W. L. Nugent from the Committee on Education, asking the Bishop to appoint a Rev. A. Ellis, agent of East Mississippi Female College was adopted. The representations of the Alumni Association of Whitworth Female College, Mrs. Judge Peyton of Hazlehurst, and Miss Julia Bedford of Liberty were introduced. Miss Bedford then read an address to the Conference in support of which was that the Church consent to the transfer of the College property to the Methodist Church. We understand the State will adopt and support the Institution. The reading of the address was followed by applause. The matter was referred to the Committee on Education. The Bishop impressively addressed the persons to be ordained deacons in the Church.

Last night Dr. Andrews preached an eloquent sermon.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

Special to the N. O. Times.]

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.

It has been discovered that the senator from Louisiana who takes his seat in 1880 must be elected at this session of the legislature.

Mr. Farmer, of Ouachita, has telegraphed to the Louisiana delegation to get their opinion on the subject. After consulting with all leading Democrats on the Republican election committees of the senate, they have replied that the opinion was unanimous that the senator must be elected in January, the balloting to begin January 13, otherwise the law would not be complied with.

Senator Beck said to-night that this question was settled in the New Orleans shire case. When asked if some relief could not be had from congress, he said the Republicans would oppose such a bill; that the Louisiana legislature met in time to comply with the law.

These views are concurred in by Bayard and Thurman.

This condition of things creates much excitement among the Louisiana delegation, and members generally from the South. The Republican national convention will be held June 3, at Chicago. Don Cameron is chairman of the national committee.

The Grant men are joyful, and think they have made their points; on the other hand, the Sherman men say their man is certain to win now.

DEATH OF ANDREW B. WOOD. COCK.

Mobile Register.]

The announcement of the death of Mr. Andrew B. Woodcock will carry sorrow to the hearts of his many friends in this community. For Andrew Woodcock had those generous qualities and that true manliness which ever endears a man to his associates. Mr. Woodcock has been in failing health for some time past, and his friends have noticed the fact with alarm and anxiety, but although a fatal result to his illness was anticipated, the suddenness of his death was totally unexpected by many. Andrew Woodcock was a true friend, an honest man and a good soldier in the times that tried men's souls. He went out with the Mobile Cadets, 3d Alabma Regiment, as a private, but rose afterwards to be a Lieutenant in his company. In the desperate battle of Malvern Hill, he was severely wounded while gallantly leading his men. Since the war he has ever been ready to do his part in all things pertaining to the interest and advancement of Mobile. His funeral will take place this afternoon at the Cathedral St. John's Episcopal Church. We understand that the Mobile Cadets will attend the funeral and pay the last tribute of respect to their departed comrade.—Mobile Register, 18

DIED IN JAIL.

The Memphis papers relate the arrest in that city of W. C. Crum, who for. merly lived in Mississippi, and was charged with a murder in Benton county, and one or two more. He was arrested by the police as a suspicious character, and held for communication with the authorities of Benton, on a charge of carrying concealed weapons, which on his arrest was found on his person. But on the night of his arrest he was found dead in his cell, a prisoner confined with him saying that he died in some sort of convulsions, and Dr. Frayser, who made a post mortem examination, concluded from it that he died from some congestion of the brain or lungs. Letters found on his person showed that he was a man of education, a farmer, and a man who was very affectionate to his family. He was about forty years old, and used to be a farmer. Some of our citizens who knew him say that he has been guilty of more than one murder.—Holly Springs Reporter.

A SHOWER OF METEORS.

There was a shower of meteors at Clarksville, Tennessee Thursday night, causing much consternation. One fell through the roof and floors of the new opera house and buried itself two feet under the ground. An audience had assembled, but fortunately, no one was injured. A number of persons were found around the city, and another large one at or near Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

Capt. Thos. H. Woods, of Meridian, Miss., P. G. Sanderson, of Columbus, Ala., and Mr. Ed. Watson, of Holly Springs, have been retained to defend Mr. Thomas Moore of Monroe county, charged with the killing of Stephen Tompkins.—[Kemper Herald.

While at the Madisonville conference, a memoir on the death of a brother preacher was being read, and the committee seated to issue a roster took a stand beneath one of the church windows. The child it was in the county and enjoying the best of health. He has since died. Hereafter it will be impossible to positively and permanently cured. Dr. Bonner now gives this guarantee, with full confidence, knowing that every one can be his own physician and prepare his own medicine, only asking that stamps be given stamps to pay expenses. The Herb Drops will relieve night sweats, sour stomach, and will break a fresh cold up in twenty-four hours.

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Meridian, Dec. 19.

Cotton—Market closed quiet at 11½. Prices 11¾ to 11¾.

MERIDIAN PRICE CURRENT

Meridian Miss., Dec. 19, 1879.

BACON—	
Clear ribs sides	8¼
Shoulders	5½@6
Hams	11
Dry salt meats	7¼
FLOUR—	
Lower grades	5@4¼
The higher grades	7½@9
Choice	10
Java	35
SALT, per sack	1 40
SALT, per bbl	2 50
BUTTER (country)	20c
CHICKENS per doz	1 00@2 00
EGGS, per doz	25
MOLASSES, per gal	45@70
CORN, per bushel	75
CORN MEAL, per bushel	75
HAY	50@1 00
WHISKY—	
Old Cabinet, per gal	2
Jackson, per gal	1 50
Rectified, per gal	85@1 25
LARD, per bbl	1 25@1 50
SUGAR—	
White crushed, per lb	12½
Brown	9@10
BEEF (on foot) per lb	2½@3
PORK	4½@6½
SHEEP (on foot)	@1 50@2 00
CALVES (on foot)	3
NAILS, per keg	4½@5 00
LARD—	
Bale, per lb	8@9
Tyer, per tub	7½@8
HIDES—	
Dry Flint Hides	16@17
Green Salt Hides	7c
Goat, each	15@30
Sheep, each	15@30
TALLOW, per lb	4@5
BEESWAX, per lb	18@20
TOBACCO—Plug	20@50
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POTATOES—Sweet	50
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Dec4-7m. Meridian, Miss.

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Nov. 10—d3m.

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B. F. FAIRCHILD.
Nov. 18, 1879. d-w-1-w.

to Weekly Mercury.

Sunday's paper.]

ek of today.

Weather to be yet had.

Putnam Tuesday and Wednesday.

Methodist Conference convenes this week.

ler if we are to have a mask ball as ever?

editor-in-chief is sick and consequently has.

kind of weather is not agreeable means.

, remember you are to "receive" ears—like the ladies you know. up for it.

Mr. Jacobs, of Montgomery, will a lecture at the Synagogue this g.

ember the grand concert by the ny club, next Friday night, will plendid affair. Don't fail to at-

re is the printers' christmas to from if some of our delinquents some in and settle up?

ivenile Opera Bouffe company are ere this week. They are to be in ery night.

imuch city council yesterday, caster wrangle. Sing'd at it.

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ra house, Tuesday night; Katie ntam in the leading roles. Secure ats at Marks & Leichtenstein's without ra charge.

Friday morning a negro from the nberry stole a dollar and a half from another country negro on the street and broke n run. He was chased by a few other groes, (among them the father of the ng man had been robbed) to the railroad, where, coming up with him, he managed to comprehend the matter by giving them a dollar and a fraction over. This done they started down town. A policeman, by the name of Patrick, soon came up and broke into the thief's calculations by arresting him. He was carried before the Mayor, tried and fined $6, which he paid and went his way.

We had information yesterday, that Rev. Mr. Hines' condition was somewhat improved, and reliable hopes are now entertained of his recovery.

From Tuesday's paper.]

We are having very pretty weather.

Conference in session at the Methodist church this week.

An improvement in the C. D. depot is a lamp post and bright light of nights.

We heard news last evening from Enterprise, that Rev. Dr. Hines, was improving.

Finch, Wallace & Burlesque Pinafore Company at Opera House next week.

Grand Musical Concert by our Harmony Club, at Opera House Friday night.

[illegible] this morning, brought in a large number of delegates to the Conference.

The post office, though opened during the week, after the night mails arrive is not opened on Sunday nights.

Miss Katie Putnam and company are to be in Meridian [illegible] in their The [illegible] of Katie's acting [illegible] to be very little [illegible] in the city, we say it is very desirable, and we have no doubt he will readily find a purchaser.

[illegible] during the Christmas turkeys and preparing generally for the glorious holidays that are rapidly drawing near. And right here, it will not be amiss to say that [illegible] to a foigon street, in behalf of one of these lines, have on hand a full supply of large, fat, fine turkeys, which they are selling cheap. If you want anything else for the holidays, you will find it in [illegible] staple grocery store. Step in and see them.

THE EDITOR IN THE HANDS OF THE SURGEONS.

The readers of the Mercury will be liberal enough to know how to make proper allowances for short-comings during the illness of the principal editor.

He left us on the early train of last week quite feeble, but pushed with energy, and at last had to take his bed and call in a physician. Dr. Griffin came to him and found the first was typhoid fever, and at last had to take his bed and call in a physician. Dr. Griffin came to him and found the first was typhoid to the opinion that a surgical operation [illegible] necessary. We naturally desired to avoid this, and there was a delay of two or three days. At last late Sunday afternoon Dr. Griffin brought with him Dr. Izzard, as operator, and a consultation was held. It was then decided to be necessary, and was done by Dr. Griffin assisted by Dr. Izzard. Chloroform was used on account of the extreme sensitiveness of the parts, caused by inflammation. The operation was successfully accomplished and in very brief time. We imagine that a circumstance to militate against the earliest recovery is the inflamed condition of the brown cut.

In the meantime we are bearing our ills with such patience as we can command, and the friends of the Mercury will bear with us while we make the intimation that we can bear these and all our ills more patiently, if they will come up promptly and pay us what they owe us.

RETURN OF THE FAVORITE.

Katie Putnam appears again at the Opera House to-night and to-morrow night, on which occasions our citizens will have the pleasure of seeing this charming little actress and supreme favorite, in entirely different roles and different plays, from what were presented during her last engagement here. She has just concluded a successful engagement at Vicksburg, and in passing through our city on her way to Atlanta, she has been prevailed upon to stop over with us again for two nights. To night is to be presented a brilliant and attractive bill "Child of the Regiment" and "Little Rebel." There will be a matinee to-day, at the Opera House to night. The Vicksburg Herald says of them:

Never has the play of Fanchon been presented in our city to so overflowing a house as on last evening. In our opinion it is the best play that has been produced here for a week. Miss Putnam has received the highest encomiums from both the press and the public for her portrayal of the character Fanchon. Whether she wrote to that effect certainly the finest we have ever seen in the part and worthy of all the praise she has received. The song, "Oh, Dear Old Rose You," with charming effect. The impersonations of her roles are perfect—splendidly, and her association almost perfect.

Mr. Edwin Clifford, as Landry Barbeau, gave us a correct conception of the character. He has a clear, strong voice, is graceful and a natural and gentlemanly person. We should like to see him in a character more worthy of him. Mr. Arnold's Father Barbeau was first-class; as was also Mr. Oglesby's Didier. Messrs. Ferris and Gould did all that was required of them in a capital manner. Miss Putnam's "Old Fisher," Mrs. Gardner's "Mother Barbeau" and Mrs. Kaufman's "Madeline," were all satisfactory.

To-morrow night the company will present for the first time in this city, in several years, "Fanchon." Secure reserved seats, without extra charge, at Marks & Leichtenstein's.

From Wednesday's paper.]

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Miss Maggie Mitchell will appear in the play at the Methodist church to-night.

Maggie Mitchell is again on the boards. She is to be in Mobile soon.

Katie Putnam appears to night for the last time in the city this season, as "Fanchon, the Cricket."

Best reserved seats for "Fanchon" to-night, without extra charge at Marks & Leichtenstein's.

There is to be an excursion over the Alabama Central road from Lauderdale to Meridian on Wed. The price for the round trip will be $2.50.

A change of schedule on the Alabama Central Railroad goes into effect this morning. Leave Meridian at 6:30 a. m. Arrive at Selma 1:40 p. m. Leave Selma at 11:30 a. m. and arrive at Meridian 7.55 p. m.

Capt. Bob informs us that the tax-payers are coming up to the office and settling at a lively rate. The final day fixed is one, we never mind, keep coming, file up to his office and settle up, and Capt. Bob will make it all right. Do fair by him and he'll do fair by you. He wants your taxes and not the damages.

The colored gentleman who shot another member of the Hain family yesterday morning and then walked twenty miles to surrender himself, and only had for excuse for killing the other negro a jolly good hankdid, that he would rather be hung than take such abuse, is hankering the gallows.

GAVE HIMSELF UP.

Yesterday evening Nathan Gully came to town from Kewanee, in this county, and seeking out deputy sheriff Boothroyd, gave himself into the hands of the law. He stated that he had shot another negro named Jeff Haygen, for that place, perhaps fatally. He reports that Haygen cursed him, and enraged him so that he took a shot gun and shot him in the abdomen. After the shooting he left immediately for this city. He has been lodged in jail. No information has yet been received relative to the condition of the wounded negro.

THE CONFERENCE.

The preachers of the Methodist Conference are assembling in our city, and will begin their labors to-day. We may expect to have assembled in our midst for a few days a fine body of fine men on a very interesting occasion. Bishop Cavanagh, a distinguished divine, is here to preside. The Society is large and influential in this city and, of course, will keep open house to the members; but, beyond this, our citizens of all religious denominations are generous and open hearted, and are helping to extend all needed hospitalities to the preachers.

Frolicking and romping little Katie Putnam, sang, danced and skipped on our Opera House boards last night before a very full and delighted audience. The bill presented, "Child of the Regiment," and "The boy who never saw a woman"—was a good one, and we never saw a more enthusiastic audience, in their demonstrations of approval and delight, in our Opera House than this season. She completely captivated all present. To-night, on which occasion Mr. Edwin Clifford will appear for the first time in this city, will be presented "Fanchon, the Cricket."

EXPLOSION OF NITRO-GLYCERINE.

Amherstburg, Ont. Dec. 13.

A magazine of nitro-glycerine and dynamite powder on Fox Island, opposite this place, exploded last night with a terrific report, shaking the ground like an earthquake and breaking nearly every window in this town, and filling the people generally.

The explosion was felt forty miles away, in Detroit and Windsor, and even shaking every house in both towns and startling the inhabitants. It was also felt for forty miles along the Canada Southern railroad line.

The cause of the explosion is not known, but it is supposed to have been caused by hunters leaving fire on the island while cooking their dinner. At the time of the explosion an immense blaze lighted up the whole heavens, and was followed by a tremendous report. There were about three tons of nitro-glycerine and dynamite powder in the magazine at the time.

At the time of the explosion to-day, nothing whatever can be found of the magazine, where it stood in a hole sixty feet in diameter and fifteen feet deep, made by the explosion. A goodly number of unexploded cases of powder cartridges are lying around. The shock was felt so severely at Fletcher, on the Canada Southern railroad, forty-five miles from here, that the people ran out of the houses in alarm. The explosion is supposed that it was the work of an incendiary.

Architect and Engineer.

Consulting Architect of V. & M. R. R.

Office, Vicksburg, P. O. Box 333, Meridian, P. O. Box 195.

Sept 25 1879.

Legislature of 1878.

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Davis, D W		10th.
Dickinson, Thos. W		11th.
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Ellis, David		13th.
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